



## PATENT APPLICATION

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For: TRAPPING AREA CREATING METHOD, TRAPPING AREA CREATING  
APPARATUS, AND TRAPPING AREA CREATING PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM

### RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

#### MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-7 have been examined on their merits, and are all the claims presently pending in the application.

1. Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Dermer (U.S. Patent No. 5,668,931) in view of Synder *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,252,608).

Applicant traverses the § 103(a) rejection of claims 1-7 for at least the reasons discussed below.

The Patent Office acknowledges that Dermer fails to teach an image composed of polygons is decomposed into a plurality of smaller image areas, wherein the image areas are designated by the straight lines passing through the vertices and the boundaries of the divided